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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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Group Art Unit: 3682

Serial No.: 10/579,475

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For: REMOTELY ACTUATED ROBOTIC WRIST

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This is in response to the requirement for restriction that was made under 35 U.S.C. §121 on October 2, 2008, in the above-mentioned application.

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: claims 1-15 and 23, drawn to a robotic wrist actuated by remote means; and

Group II: claims 16-22, drawn to an actuated device for teleoperation using sensors, pulleys, clutches, and motors to actuate the robotic wrist.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute, with traverse, the invention of Group I, drawn to a robotic wrist actuated by remote means.

Applicant further elects Species II corresponding to Figs. 21 through 25. It is believed that claims 2, 3, 8, 10, and 13 read on the elected species. With regard to claim 2, the support corresponds to the first sphere (161) and the

fixed pivot corresponds to the fixed member (160) of Figs. 21 through 25.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement on the grounds that the Office has not shown even a *prima facie* case that a serious burden would be placed on the Examiner if the inventions of Groups I and II were to be examined together. Accordingly, since it has not been shown by the Office that a serious burden would be placed on the Examiner if the inventions of Groups I and II were to be examined together, Applicant submits that restriction cannot be properly maintained between Groups I and II. The restriction requirement is clearly improper, and it should be withdrawn.

It is believed that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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